

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Seiji Nakahata, et al.
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

Applicant's reply of October 2, 2009 to the June 2, 2009, final Office action in the above-identified patent application was deemed in the advisory action of October 20, 2009 not to place this application in condition for allowance. Now in renewed response to the June 2, 2009 Office action, Applicant has elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following amendment accompanies the present RCE. (Along with a petition for a further extension of time for response within the second month after the shortened statutory period, the RCE and this amendment are being filed on November 2, 2009, and are therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.